--- 1/8th Pound - Series “B” - 155 x 15 mm. - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists the 155 x 15 mm. black, 1/8th pound Series “B” strips as follows:

RP-848 - 1/8th pound, coarse roulette, with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers***
RP-849 - 1/8th pound, LWE, coarse roulette, with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers***
RP-850 - 1/8th pound, *imperforate*, with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers***

--- ***undated*** cancellations ---

3483199 ★	RP-850	1/8th pound, *imperforate*, roller coded **1-18-E**

The strip illustrated below is a LWE strip with the partially-clipped tabs folded and pasted onto the back by a philatelist, and would measure 7⅜ inches if it could be unfolded. Many of the other *coarse roulette* strips are probably also LWE strips, which have been clipped by a philatelist, or in the process of production. I think that all of the 1/8th pound coarse roulette Series “B” were produced as LWE strips. Thus I doubt the existence of **RP-848**.

RP-849 - 1/8th pound, LWE, *coarse roulette*, control **5836975**
Roller cancelled **6-10-D** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Montreal - the strip would measure 7⅜ inches if unfolded

5106426	RP-849	1/8th pound, LWE, coarse roulette, rollered **13-10-D** - a clipped strip
5828631	RP-849	1/8th pound, LWE, coarse roulette, rollered **6-10-D**
5836975 ★	RP-849	1/8th pound, LWE, coarse roulette, rollered **6-10-D**

--- ***dated*** cancellations ---

--- RP-850 - ***imperforate*** - with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers*** ---

The first listed *dated* example of the *imperforate* 1/8th pound **Series “B”** strip was used by “Imperial Tobacco”, Montreal, in March 1933, and the last recorded was used by “Tuckett Tobacco”, Hamilton, in February 1939.

RP-850 - 1/8th pound, *imperforate*, control **8517184**
Coded **6-10-D / AC3** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Montreal, in July 1933

1610488 ★	03/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CA3**
2271718	04/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AB3**
3500835	04/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AB3**
5052749	06/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CB3**
5603404	06/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate
5607064	06/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CB3**
7348388	06/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-10-D-6-33**
7353323	06/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-10-D-6-33**
7353710	06/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-10-D-6-33**
8215798	07/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AC3**
8517184 ★	07/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AC3**
8563967	07/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AC3**
8909586	08/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / BC3**

9009597	08/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-10-D-8-33**
9942775	08/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / BC3**

A new control number sequence has begun

0030779	08/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / BC3**
2080944 ★	10/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AD3**
1938292	09/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-10-D- 9-33**
2224574	10/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-10-D-10-33**
2701876	12/33	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CD3**
3830015	04/34	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AB4**
5056443 ★	10/33	RP-852	**2/15** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AD3 -** (see below)
7305550	05/34	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **1-18-E / 54**
8482023	12/34	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CED**
9786511	09/34	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23-D / CEC**

A new control number sequence has begun

2953542	02/39	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **1-18-E / BJA**
2966074	04/39	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **1-18-E / AJB**
5177498	12/35	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CFD**
5607064	12/35	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CFD**
5885453	12/35	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CFD**
5907157	01/36	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AGA**
5936113	01/36	RP-850	1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AGA**

The two 1939 listings from "Tuckett Tobacco", Hamilton, are probably remnant copies, and *did not begin* a new number sequence. Additional strips are needed to make a proper judgment.

--- 2/15th Pound Provisional overprint for 1933 ---

--- 3 mm. Gothic TWO FIFTEENTHS POUND overprint of RP-850 - the imperforate 1/8th pound Series "B" strip ---

--- RP-852 - *imperforate - with* 1/8th pound control numbers ---

In October 1933, while awaiting the printing plates for the 2/15 pound **Series "A"** strip, ABN overprinted **RP-850**, the imperforate 1/8th pound **Series "B"**, with TWO FIFTEENTHS POUND in 3 mm. Gothic across the center, and a 4 mm. Gothic **2/15** as a *killer* at the ends. This was a *provisional* issue, while the definitive 2/15th pound **Series "A"** plate was in preparation.

It seems odd that for the 2/15th pound plate, ABN reverted to Series "A", unless the die had already been prepared. The definitive 2/15th pound Series "A" strip **RP-829**, subsequently supplied, was in use from October 1933 until December 1934.

RP-852 - **2/15** and TWO FIFTEENTHS POUND on 1/8th pound Series "B", imperforate
Coded **6-10-D / AD3** by "Imperial Tobacco", Montreal, in October 1933

5056443 ★	10/33	RP-852	**2/15** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AD3**

The large 1/8th pound die proof, offered on eBay in March 2004, had the pencilled die numbers ***X.G. 341***. When last seen it was going for $ 500 in U.S. funds.

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN / CBN Roll No. XG-998 for the Series “B” 1/8 pound 155 x 15 mm. strip

In a similar memorandum, dated June 8th 1944, they record the destruction of plates No. 1, 2 and 3 for the one-eight pound Series “B” tobacco strip. The rolls and plates were defaced, and subsequently delivered to the Royal Canadian Mint as scrap metal.

These 60 impression plates were probably arranged as 2 by (2 x 15) strips - JBH

In the memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN / CBN die XG-410 for the 155 x 15 mm. one-eighth pound Series “B” tobacco strip.

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